

# Philby aids propaganda to Britain

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**R**USSIA is employing Kim Philby, now revealed as having been one of its major agents, to direct a propaganda campaign aimed at improving its image in Britain.

I understand that Philby, 56, is working on a project to give a "fresh new look" to Russian publications sold in Britain.

Throughout the summer he has been preparing material for the monthly digest *Sputnik* which will be published in Britain by the International Publishing Corporation.

The IPC signed an agreement with the Novosti Press Agency, of Moscow, in May to publish *Sputnik* throughout the English-speaking world.

## IMPROVING CONTENT

### Turgid articles

The pocket-sized magazine, intended to be Russia's "answer" to *Reader's Digest*, will contain articles which have appeared in Russian newspapers, magazines and technical publications.

Philby, who has been employed by the Novosti Press Agency since he arrived in Moscow in 1963, has been working behind the scenes to improve the content and display of the material for *Sputnik*. But his name will not appear among the list of editors.

Philby is considered to be the "only man in Russia" capable of

preparing for the British market the turgid and thoroughly-censored articles which have been earmarked for *Sputnik*.

I was told recently: "Philby will give a professional touch to the magazine. He is working flat out to make it thoroughly readable."

The Russians are said to be desperately anxious that *Sputnik* will make a major impact on British readers and that the IPC should continue to show interest in publishing it.

The sales of other propaganda publications, *Soviet Union* and *Soviet Weekly*, are small and are static.

Philby's closest friend in Moscow is known to be Donald Maclean, the diplomat who defected in 1951. Maclean told me tonight: "I am sure Kim will get to hear of the publicity about him. I am equally sure he will not comment on it."

## MI 6 INQUIRY

### Demand likely

OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT writes: Disclosures that Philby began to work for Russian intelligence in 1933 and was probably the most important spy they ever had in the West, are likely to lead to demands for a fresh investigation of the conduct of MI 6, the British counter-espionage department for which he worked.

The department has already been through one drastic overhaul, mainly as a result of Philby's defection in 1963.

Mr. Marcus Lipton, Labour M P for Brixton, who in 1955 named Philby as the "third man" who warned Burgess and Maclean to leave the West, said last night: "There must be many red faces in the Foreign Office and in our security services. I was doubly and trebly justified in 1955."

After Mr. Lipton's naming of Philby, Mr. Macmillan, then Foreign Secretary, gave Philby complete clearance in the Commons. In 1963 Mr. Heath, then Lord Privy Seal, said Philby had worked for Russia "before 1946."

The weekend reports about Philby say he recruited Burgess and Maclean for Russian intelligence in 1935. The Foreign Office last night said, predictably, that it had "no comment" to make.